

News & Events

City's water quality report available online

Some residents may have recently received emails or seen advertisements on social media from a company claiming there are problems with the city's water quality. The city wishes to reassure our customers that we are not affiliated with that company nor are there any issues with the city's water. We encourage you to check out our most-recent **water quality report** online or contact the **Water Production Department** at 972-624-4431 for more information.

Election filing period now underway

The Colony City Council will hold its 2018 **General Election** for at-large city council districts on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Applicants may file with the **City Secretary's Office** now through 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20. For more information, contact the City Secretary by **email** or by calling 972-624-3105.

Summer Clubhouse concludes this Friday

Our final **Summer Clubhouse** event of 2018 features a FREE showing of the movie *Sherlock Gnomes* on Friday, Aug. 10, at the Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd. Doors open at 9 a.m.; movie begins at 10 a.m. Call Parks & Rec at 972-625-1106 for more info.

Home for heroes tribute



Veterans memorial installed at Government Center

A veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima was among those who added their names to the city's **new veterans memorial at The Colony Government Center** during a ceremony on Monday, July 30. The memorial was donated to the city by resident Tim Hall. Check out **this story from FOX4** and **another from NBC5** for more on patriotism in your community!

A 'day in the life' of Community Image

#ICYMI: Late last month we spent the morning in the field with a **Community Image Officer** live-tweeting his patrols through the city, checking for violations and following up on cases.

We later **compiled those tweets into blog form** so those who missed it would have a convenient opportunity to check out examples of Community Image at work on the streets. Also, if you're not following the **City of The Colony on Twitter**, please do!



Phase 1 of Drought Plan in effect

In light of extreme summer heat and low rainfall totals this year, the City of The Colony wishes to remind its residents and businesses of our [Drought Contingency Plan](#). The City is currently in Phase 1 of the plan.

Phase 1 encourages residents to water twice weekly on a specific schedule and also to be mindful of avoiding water runoff onto streets or drainage areas. Residents are also encouraged NOT to water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. as water will evaporate more quickly during the day. [Additional restrictions](#) apply to residents in the Austin Ranch area where water is purchased from the City of Plano. Please see our [Drought Contingency Guide](#) (PDF) for more details and FAQs, or call the [Water Production Department](#) at 972-624-4431.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council received a presentation regarding the [Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19](#). A public hearing on the budget is set for **Aug. 21**, with a formal vote scheduled for **Sept. 18**. Highlights include:

- a proposed **1/4-cent reduction in the property tax rate** from \$0.6650 per \$100 valuation to \$0.6625. This is the 17th year in a row the Council has considered a tax rate reduction or kept the rate flat. With the average home value in The Colony at \$277K, those reductions have saved the average homeowner about \$1,600 over the course of those 17 years;

- **13 new personnel** (six paramedics, four police officers, two water distribution operators, and a P/T Animal Services administrator);

- **\$4.5M for the next phase of street and alley reconstruction**, to include: Thompson Drive from Blair Oaks to John Yates; Darby Lane from Strickland to Hetherington; Baker Drive from Petit to Morning Star; Blue Glen from Amhurst to Clover Valley; and the Melroy alley; and,

- **\$300K for the design phase of street and alley projects** for reconstruction in FY 2019/20.

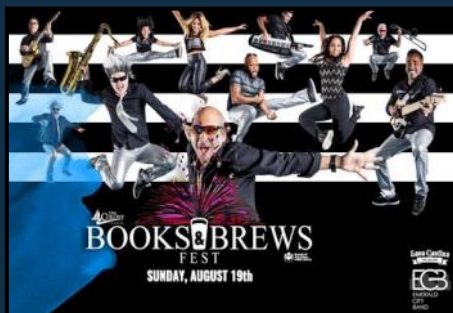
Click [here](#) for the City Council agenda archives and meeting minutes on the city's website.

Your CVB: Not just for tourists



[The Colony Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) e-newsletter and mobile app aren't just for tourists. They're for anyone looking to have a good time in The Colony! From **food and retail to live music and events**, your [CVB resources](#) are a great one-stop shop for the latest info on all the fun things happening throughout your community. [Sign-up](#) and [download today](#) to stay in the know!

Books & Brews set for Aug. 19 at Lava Cantina



Come support your library during its annual fundraiser! This year's event is from **6 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at Lava Cantina in The Colony**, featuring a performance by the famed **Emerald City Band**. Don't miss out on a night of fantastic food, music, live and silent auctions, and MORE. [Advance tickets](#) and [more information](#) is available online.



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